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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Gaku Watanabe et al.
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified divisional application as set forth below prior to examination thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-32

Add claims 33-60 as follows:

- 33. An image pickup apparatus, comprising:
- (A) a protection cover operation device which operates a protection cover openable and closable to protect an image pickup optical system; and
 - (B) a detection device which detects whether or not said image pickup apparatus is in an exterior connection state in which said apparatus is functionally connectable to an exterior device. —.

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